

The Fort Wayne Sentinel.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS
FOR GOVERNOR.

JOSEPH A. WRIGHT,
OF FARMER COUNTY.

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

JAMES H. LANE,
OF DEARBORN COUNTY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1849.

Democratic Congressional Convention.

A Convention of Delegates from the several Counties composing the 10th Congressional District of Indiana, will be held at the Court House in the city of Fort Wayne, on Wednesday, the 23d day of May, 1849, at 11 o'clock A. M., to nominate a democratic candidate for Congress, to be supported at the next August election.

Each County is entitled, by former usage, to send one delegate to the Convention for every one hundred democratic votes polled at the last election; and in those counties where the fraction exceeds fifty votes, to one delegate in addition, as follows:

Adams,	1	Jay,	4
Allen,	11	La Grange,	4
Blackford,	2	Noble,	6
DeKalb,	6	Randolph,	6
Delaware,	7	Steuben,	6
Grant,	6	Wells,	4
Huntington,	5	Whitley,	5

By order of the District Committee,
DANIEL REED, Chairman.

February 10, 1849.

THE UNIVERSALIST MEETING.

The time for holding Universalist Meeting in the Court House of this city is the last Sabbath of every month, at 11 o'clock A. M. By request, the text for February will be—Daniel 12: 2, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

WM. J. CHAPLIN.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church will have a Supper and Sale of Fancy Articles, on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., in Samuel Hanna's Brick Building, opposite the Washington Hall. All are respectfully invited to attend.

Tickets for admission can be procured at the following places: B. Smith's, Smith & Co's., Turk & McKen's, Kirk & Ayres, A. B. Miller's, T. K. Brackendridge's, S. & W. S. Edsall's, C. R. Walker's, and Jones & Hartman.

Bluffton & Fort Wayne Plank Road Company.—A meeting of the Incorporators of the Fort Wayne and Bluffton Turnpike company was held at the Heekin House in this city, on Wednesday afternoon last, for the purpose of organizing the company.

Allen Hamilton was unanimously chosen President, and Peter P. Bailey Clerk, to serve until an election is held by the stockholders.

Books were authorized to be opened in Allen and Wells counties, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to the capital stock of the company.

The President and Clerk were authorized to give the notice required by the 7th section of the charter of the company as soon as they were satisfied that one hundred shares of the stock had been subscribed.

Canal.—We learn by the Lafayette Courier that Doyle & Dickey's line of packets will resume their trips on the canal on the 1st of April next. Passengers to Toledo will hereafter change boats at Defiance (instead of the Junction) from which town to Toledo they will travel in steam propellers. This will be an excellent arrangement.

Progress of the Epidemic.—The California fever continues to rage here with unabated violence—in fact we think it is rather on the increase. Several are preparing to take the overland route across the Rocky Mountains. Others are making arrangements to reach the El Dorado, via the Isthmus of Panama; and we hear that money has been sent to New York to engage passage in the April steamer for Chagres, for seventeen of our citizens. A joint stock company is also in progress of formation, who design to purchase a vessel and take the passage round Cape Horn. We will publish a synopsis of their articles of agreement in our next.

Taking it Cool.—The thermometer stood at 10 degrees below zero, in this place on Thursday morning last. Since then, the weather has moderated, and this morning there is some appearance of snow.

Fort Wayne and Bluffton Plank Road.—Books are now opened for the subscription of stock to this road, and as soon as 100 shares are subscribed, an election of Directors will be held, and preparations made for commencing the work. As it will be necessary to have steam saw mills erected on the route to furnish the lumber, and it will necessarily take some time to get them put in operation, we trust our citizens, and all living along the route of the road, will promptly come forward and subscribe, that no time be lost in commencing the construction of the road. If the stock is promptly taken, the whole road, or a considerable portion of it, may be in operation next fall.

We do not feel called upon to direct public attention to the great necessity which exists for this road—its importance to the trade and prosperity of our town, and the immense advantages which will result from it to all classes, the farmer especially, living on the route—nor to the absolute certainty which exists that the stock will prove profitable and a good investment to the stockholders. These facts are obvious to all; and all that we think necessary now is to urge, promptly, and energetic action. Let every man at once subscribe the full amount he feels able to take, and let the work be pushed to a speedy completion, that we may at once reap the benefits that must flow from its construction. We have seen several citizens from Wells County, and they assure us that the best feeling exists there, and that its citizens are anxious to have the road in immediate operation, and will promptly do their share towards it. All then depends on us, and we will not believe that the citizens of Fort Wayne will allow the work to lag, or show themselves behind their brethren of Wells county in the energy and public spirit requisite.

We have always contended that the Bluffton Road would ultimately be of more importance to the trade of this city than any other road leading into it. There is a large scope of rich and fertile country, rapidly settling by an intelligent and industrious population, which will send an immense surplus to this place for market; but as the land is mostly heavily timbered, many years must elapse before its resources will be fully developed. But even now—with the almost impassable road over which is the only chance of getting here, and with the improvement and settlement of the country still in a state of comparative infancy, the produce brought into our city from that region actually far exceeds all that arrives from the north, to which public attention has hitherto been almost exclusively directed.

This may seem strange to many of our readers; but it is a fact that can be proved by any of our produce dealers, that during the present winter the quantity of produce brought to our market from the south, has been much greater than that brought from the north. The latter is doubtless a grain growing region, but it is not the only one, nor even the best, which finds a market for its produce in Fort Wayne.

We have thought it proper to say this much in regard to the present value of the trade of Wells and the other southern counties, because much misconception has existed on the subject. All would readily admit that at some future but distant day, that trade would be considerable; but none had the remotest idea of its present extent, or ever thought that it could even now exceed the trade from the north.

With this fact staring us in the face, we cannot surely hesitate to take the amount of stock necessary to insure the completion of the work; the interests of the city demand the early construction of the work. The assurance that the amount of trade from that region this winter gives, that the stock must be profitable and yield a fair dividend, should stimulate capitalists to embark in the undertaking.

Logs cut at this season make better lumber than those cut when the sap is in the wood. We would suggest to those living near the road, and who propose paying their stock in logs, that the present would be a favorable opportunity to be getting on their logs. A large amount of logs will be required when the mills get in operation, and as it would not be policy to have the work delayed for the want of plank, it is certainly advisable that all interested should embrace every opportunity to have a good stock of logs in readiness.

A copy of the charter, which is a very liberal one, may be found on our first page.

It is his duty to lay the President before the Senate.

In pursuance of notice, Mr. Davis introduced a bill to amend an act to regulate the Mexican war. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate then went into Executive session. When the doors were opened the Senate adjourned.

The House adjourned much of the day in committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate the Mexican war, and on the bill to regulate the Mexican war.

Two Months Later from the Pacific. SNOW STORM OVER THE GOLD MINES.

Intelligence from the Pacific has been received, via Mexico, and New York, that a snow storm had been raging over the gold mines, and that the gold trade was paralyzed.

The last date from California, arrived here by the schooner Buro, are equally satisfactory in relation to the gold region. The weather had ceased, owing to the cold weather and the whole region was covered a foot deep with snow.

Some parties had built log cabins, and intended to pass the winter on the spot.

The richness of the placer, as well as the extent, far surpasses any account yet published of it. Gold is being discovered nearly a hundred miles from the original discovery.

It is supposed that about \$4,000,000 will have been extracted since the discovery. This appears to be large; but judging from the number of persons working—say 5000—and their average gains per day, it will pass \$2,000,000.

Immense numbers from this coast are leaving in preparation to leave; more would go were there any conveyances. Those most anxious and impatient pass through Lower California, and thence proceed by land. This port is entirely deserted, or nearly so, of the working classes. Several expeditions have been fitted out, both here and at San Blas, with money and provisions; and in this country goods are very much in demand.

Mr. Parrott, U. S. Consul and Navy Agent, arrived overland on the 13th inst. It is said that he is bearer of important despatches to the Governor of California, in relation to the gold region. The despatches are still here, being, out of so many, not one of our ships of war on the coast.

The U. S. ship Commander Radcliff was the first to arrive from New Bedford about the 1st of February, with 75 passengers. She has a clergyman and several ladies among her passengers.

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